

C.A.R.E. is a multi-agency public outreach program to disseminate information about recovery efforts and potential storm impacts following the August/September 2009 California wildfires.

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ANGELES FOREST ROADS RE-OPEN

Roads in the burn areas of the Angeles National Forest will re-open to through traffic today, Tuesday, December 8, 2009.

Portions of Angeles Forest Highway, Angeles Crest Highway, Big Tujunga Canyon Road, and Upper Big Tujunga Canyon Road were closed to all traffic Sunday night, after weather service forecasts of a major rain system passing though the Station Fire area.

The roads are scheduled to open as follows:

- Big Tujunga Canyon Road from the City/County boundary to Big Tujunga Dam has reopened as of 10 a.m.
- The remainder of Big Tujunga Canyon Road, all of Angeles Forest Hwy, and Upper Big Tujunga Canyon Road will open at 4 p.m. this afternoon.

Commuters and residents who live on private property in the forest are also advised that, due to the possibility of storm season debris flows, the roads will again close to all traffic when moderate to heavy rainfall is predicted or is falling in the area. The roads will remain closed until the storm threat has passed and Public Works road crews have completed safety inspections or necessary repairs.

Public Works will provide affected commuters and residents with as much advance warning as possible of anticipated road closures. These warnings will include message boards, news radio alerts and media releases. Road closure alerts will also be available on the Coordinated Agency Recovery Effort (CARE) website at www.dpwcare.org and the Public Works Road Closure website at http://dpwgis.co.la.ca.us/website/roadclosures/main.cfm. Additionally, commuters and residents can receive free road closure warnings and updates via email by visiting www.dpwcare.org or www.

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